



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Community Planning and Physical Services Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312
Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 5:30 PM

In Attendance: Ben Wenograd, Shari Cantor, Chris Barnes, Dallas Dodge, Denise Hall, Beth Kerrigan, Matt Hart, Kimberly Boneham, John Phillips, Mark McGovern, Todd Dumais, Kristen Gorski and Duane Martin.

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 5:34 pm and adjourned to Council Chamber to accommodate the many students in attendance.
2. Communications
 - a. 09/20/2017 Minutes (Attachment, pg. 2)
3. Public Works Updates
 - a. Staff Reports - Leaf bag pick up starts on Oct. 23rd.
 - b. Recycling Collection Update - John Phillips gave a recycling report. Recycling volume is up 9% since the start of weekly pickups in July. Tipping fees are flat. As residents become more familiar, recycling percentage should go up and tipping fees down. After 3 weeks, 130 families have signed up for food waste recycling in the pilot area, west of the Center.
4. Community Development Updates
 - a. Staff Reports - Kristen Gorski updated the committee on a marketing initiative involving the Home Design District and Park Road Association. The Town and Chamber are providing administrative assistance to the associations, which are soliciting a marketing consultant to help with various activities.

Mark McGovern and Todd Dumais reported on the most recent meeting with the Center Working Group (9/27) that focused on quality of life concerns. Parking and police enforcement were the two main issues. Staff will facilitate discussions with Police and look at current parking restrictions north and south of Farmington

Avenue. There appear to be opportunities to revise in a more consistent manner which could lead to improvements.

Councilor Hall asked about the number of vacancies in Community Development and Public Works.

- b. 84 Auxiliary Lane Project (Attachment, pg. 4) - Duane Martin updated the committee on the State's proposed improvements to I-84. Medians will be altered to provide new through lanes, bridges will be replaced and new sound barriers installed. A Public outreach meeting will likely be scheduled for January with a goal of completing the design by summer, 2018. Construction is scheduled to start in spring 2019 and last for 3 years.
 - c. Temporary Health Care Structures (Attachment, pg. 20) - At the last meeting, the committee agreed to recommend that the Council opt out and then study the issue. The opt-out ordinance is scheduled for hearing on Nov. 14th. The state statute will be reviewed at a future meeting to see what path the Town wants to take on the subject.
 - d. Other – Duane Martin updated the committee on additional I-84 project that will detour traffic onto West Hartford streets on nights and weekends but should not be overly problematic. A State Detour Confirmation Agreement will be executed.
5. Adjournment – 6:25 pm

The next CPPS committee meeting will be held at **5:30pm on November 21, 2017.**